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SUBJECT: JCCIA RECALLS JOINT MOBILE TEAMS

1. AT PRESS CONFERENCE AUGUST 8, ACTING VIENTIANE SIDE
SPOKESMAN COLONEL LOUN SISOUNOL STATED THAT JOINT COMMISSION
TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT (JCCIA) MET AUGUST 8 TO DISCUSS
VARIOUS ISSUES RELATING TO FULL NEUTRALIZATION OF VIENTIANE,
AS WELL AS TO DEMARCATION OF TWO ZONES.

2. LOUN NOTED THAT, GIVEN STALEMATES OVER BOUNDARY MARKERS
IN BAN HOUEI SAI AND PAKSANE AREAS, JCCIA HAS DECIDED FOR
FINANCIAL REASONS TO RECALL JOINT MOBILE TEAMS TO VIENTIANE.
(COMMENT: TEAMS HAVE, SO FAR, DRIVEN THREE DEMARCATION STAKES
IN LUANG PRABANG AND ONE NEAR KHONG SEDONE, EXHAUSTED FIVE
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MILLION KIP BUDGET ALLOCATION IN THE PROCESS.)

3. LOUN SAID LPF EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER MOVEMENTS OF VIENTIANE SIDE TROOPS OUTSIDE 15-KILOMETER NEUTRALIZED PERIMETER AROUND VIENTIANE, AND NOTED RUMOURS THAT VIENTIANE SIDE IS PLOTTING A COUP. LOU REPLIED THAT VIENTIANE SIDE TOLD COUNTERPARTS THAT MOVEMENTS OF THEIR FORCES WERE TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE SECURITY FOR POPULATION LIVING OUTSIDE VIENTIANE IN PRESENT UNSETTLED TIMES AND THAT VIENTIANE SIDE HAS NO INTENTION TO STAGE A COUP.

4. JCCIA AGAIN DISCUSSED QUESTION OF ADEQUATE HOUSING OF LPF FORCES IN VIENTIANE AND THE NEED TO COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL OF VIENTIANE SIDE FORCES FROM THE CITY. REPORTEDLY, FINANCIAL STRINGENCY WAS CITED IN BOTH SITUATIONS BY VIENTIANE SIDE AS FACTOR LIMITING IMMEDIATE ACTION ON THESE ISSUES.

5. LPF DEMAND FOR REMOVAL OF TWELVE-MAN VIENTIANE SIDE SECURITY TEAM AT WATTAY INTERNATIONAL AIR TERMINAL WAS DEFERRED BY DECISION THAT THE TWO SIDES APPOINT AD HOC COMMITTEE TO SOLVE PROBLEM. VIENTIANE SIDE OBSERVED THAT SECURITY CONTINGENT WAS ASSIGNED TO WATTAY BY OFFICIAL ORDER FROM THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE.

6. NO DISCUSSION OF THE MIA/POW OR TROOP WITHDRAWAL QUESTIONS WAS UNDERTAKEN AT THIS MEETING.

7. DECLASSIFY UPON RECEIPT.
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